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LOK SABHA

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RURAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposals from State Governments including Andhra Pradesh to start Rural Public Schools at par with private schools to provide quality education particularly to SC/ST and OBC students;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether any request has been received to provide 25 per cent of non-recurring cost for setting up of the above schools; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. A proposal has been received from Government of Andhra Pradesh for setting up of 300 residential, co-educational English medium schools having classes 6 to 12 through Public-Private Partnership with at least one school in each of the Assembly Constituencies in the State. As per the proposal, land for establishing the schools is to provided by the State Government free of cost, whereas the capital cost is to be met by the private provider and the recurring cost is to be shared between the State Government and the private provider.

There is no scheme in this Ministry at present under which this proposal for assistance towards part of non-recurring cost of the school building can be met by the Central Government. Besides, Central Government has also decided to implement a centrally sponsored scheme for setting up of 6000 new high quality model schools, at the rate one school for each block, throughout the country during the 11th Five Year Plan subject to requisite approval.